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## MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

Meeting Date: October 18, 2004  
Meeting Time: 2:00 P.M.  
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., 431  
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana  
Meeting Number: 14

**Members Present:** Kevin Brinegar, Chairperson; Cordelia Lewis-Burks; James Gutting; Jimmy Neal; Theresa Wright.

**Members Absent:** None.

Mr. Kevin Brinegar, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

### **Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Structure**

Mr. Brinegar asked Annette Biesecker, FSSA, if FSSA would like to include any recommendations in the Subcommittee's final report. Ms. Biesecker stated that FSSA would like to include the Governor's overhaul plan as its recommendations. Mr. Brinegar asked Ms. Biesecker to summarize the Governor's plan.

Ms. Biesecker stated that the plan includes a reduction of existing state agencies by one-third. There are currently 107. Under the Governor's plan, this number would be reduced to 45. A cabinet-style structure would be instituted consisting of 12 secretaries who would report to the Governor. FSSA, itself, would be restructured to include four agencies, with one secretary overseeing them. The four agencies would be as follows: family and children's services, home and community-based services, health finance, and public health.

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**Committee Report**

Mr. Brinegar commented that the Legislative Services Agency report (*Issues Relating to the Organizational Structure of the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services*) analyzes and provides recommendations for the current FSSA structure. Furthermore, the Governor's overhaul plan does not do so. Instead, it goes beyond analyzing the current structure, creating a new one.

Mr. Brinegar asked if the FSSA restructuring recommendations should be included in the final report. The Subcommittee concurred that they should.

Mr. Brinegar indicated that the final report would be completed by the end of October and that any information Subcommittee members think should be included should be forwarded to him as soon as possible.

Mr. Brinegar stated that the Subcommittee's final report would be presented at the next meeting. The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 125 of the State House.

There being no further business, Mr. Brinegar adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.